

# Water Plan Grant Application

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# **ERWSD - UERWA Drought Response Plan Eagle River Water and Sanitation District**

September 2023 Board Meeting

DETAILS	
Total Project Cost:	\$79.448.00
Water Plan Grant Request:	\$59,586.00
Recommended Amount:	\$59,586.00
Other CWCB Funding:	\$0.00
Other Funding Amount:	\$0.00
Applicant Match:	\$19,862.00
Project Type: Plani	ning
Project Category: Conservation & Land Use Planning	
Measurable Result: Regional Drought F	Response Plan

Eagle River Water & Sanitation District seeks funding for an updated Drought Response plan for the district and the Upper Eagle River Water Authority (jointly operated). The plan will mitigate the varied risks of drought on the District's and Authority's water supply. The District's drought response plan (DRP) was originally developed in 2012. Over the last 11 years, the Colorado water supply community has gained a better understanding of how to manage and improve drought response. This project will develop a new DRP that incorporates updated information and recent experience to mitigate the varied risks of drought on the District's water supply.



Using the CWCB 2020 Drought Plan Guidance the plan will identify the steps required to monitor and identify stages of drought, key trigger points in the District's system, and important response measures mitigate drought and extend water supplies with the underlying goal of preserving the District's ability to supply water for essential public services. The District will hire a consultant to prepare the DRP and provide outreach to customers and the public. The project will increase the resiliency of the District's ability to provide a reliable potable water supply during a drought or other water supply emergency; provide a framework for the District to respond to a water supply shortage and communicate to the public and District's customers; recommend water conservation efforts including voluntary and mandatory restrictions based on the severity of the drought; minimize the adverse effects of a water supply emergency on public health, economic activity, environmental resources, and individual lifestyles.

**Funding Recommendation:** Staff recommends Board approval of \$59,586.00 to the Eagle River Water & Sanitation District for the ERWSD and UERW Drought Response Plan under the Conservation and Land Use category.



#### **Colorado Water Conservation Board**

# **Water Plan**

	Water Project Summary	
Name of Applicant Name of Water Project	Eagle River Water and Sanitation District ERWSD - UERWA Drought Response Plan	
Grant Request Amount		\$59,586.00
Primary Category		\$59,586.00
Conservation & Land Use Planning		
Total Applicant Match		\$19,862.00
Applicant Cash Match		\$19,862.00
Applicant In-Kind Match		\$0.00
Total Other Sources of Funding		\$0.00
Total Project Cost		\$79,448.00

# **Applicant & Grantee Information**

Name of Grantee: Eagle River Water and Sanitation District Mailing Address: 846 West Forest Road Vail CO 81657

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# **Description of Grantee/Applicant**

ERWSD provides water and wastewater services.

Type of Eligible Entity
Public (Government) Public (District) Public (Municipality) Ditch Company

Ш	Private Incorporated	
	Private Individual, Partnership, or Sole Proprietor	
	Non-governmental Organization	
	Covered Entity	
	Other	

Category of Water Project
Agricultural Projects  Developing communications materials that specifically work with and educate the agricultural community on headwater restoration, identifying the state of the science of this type of work to assist agricultural users among others.
Conservation & Land Use Planning  Activities and projects that implement long-term strategies for conservation, land use, and drought planning.
Engagement & Innovation Activities  Activities and projects that support water education, outreach, and innovation efforts. Please fill out the Supplemental Application on the website.
Watershed Restoration & Recreation  Projects that promote watershed health, environmental health, and recreation.
Water Storage & Supply Projects that facilitate the development of additional storage, artificial aquifer recharge, and dredging existing reservoirs to restore the reservoirs' full decreed capacity and Multi-beneficial projects and those projects identified in basin implementation plans to address the water supply and demand gap.

Location of Water Project		
Latitude	39.641430	
Longitude	106.394230	
Lat Long Flag	Water provider location: Coordinates based on address of water provider	
Water Source	Eagle River	
Basins	Colorado	
Counties	Eagle	
Districts	37-Eagle River Basin	

	Water Project Overview
Major Water Use Type	Municipal
Type of Water Project	Planning
Scheduled Start Date - Design	9/1/2023
Scheduled Start Date - Construction	
Description	
This project will develop a new Drought Response Plan that will mitigate the varied risks of drought on the District's and Authority's water supply.	

### **Measurable Results**

New Storage Created (acre-feet)

New Annual Water Supplies Developed or Conserved (acre-feet), Consumptive or Nonconsumptive Existing Storage Preserved or Enhanced (acre-feet)

New Storage Created (acre-feet)

Length of Stream Restored or Protected (linear feet)

Length of Pipe, Canal Built or Improved (linear feet)

Efficiency Savings (dollars/year)

Efficiency Savings (acre-feet/year)

Area of Restored or Preserved Habitat (acres)

Quantity of Water Shared through Alternative Transfer Mechanisms or water sharing agreement (acre-feet)

Number of Coloradans Impacted by Incorporating Water-Saving Actions into Land Use Planning Number of Coloradans Impacted by Engagement Activity

Other

No additional measurable results provided

#### **Water Project Justification**

The project will provide the following benefits:

- 1. Increase the resiliency of the Districts ability to provide a reliable potable water supply during a drought or other water supply emergency.
- 2. Provide a framework for the District to respond to a water supply shortage and communicate to the public and District's customers.
- 3. Recommend water conservation efforts including voluntary and mandatory restrictions based on the severity of the drought.
- 4. Minimize the adverse effects of a water supply emergency on public health, economic activity, environmental resources, and individual lifestyles.

#### **Related Studies**

2012 Drought Response Plan

Water Efficiency Plan

Eagle County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Water System Master Plan (July 15, 2020)

#### **Taxpayer Bill of Rights**

TABOR does not apply to the District because the voters approved de-Brucing the District in 2014.